

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 25, as shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1. (Previously presented) A torque rod, the torque rod structure comprising a rod portion with a built-in pair of rubber bushes, which are formed respectively around a pair of cylinders, the rod portion linking both the rubber bushes, wherein

the cross-sectional shape of the central portion of the rod portion forms an approximately rectangular shape,

wherein one pair of opposing faces of the rectangular shape are arranged to form a substantially symmetrical shape which bulges outwards in a non-parallel configuration defining bulging faces, such that the central cross section of the rod portion is thicker than the ends thereof; and

wherein another pair of opposing faces of the rectangular shape are arranged substantially parallel to each other;

wherein the rod portion has a plurality of void portions formed on one of the bulging faces; said void portions defining elongated holes which extend substantially parallel to said another pair of opposing faces of the rectangular shape; and

wherein the void portions formed on one of the bulging faces are arranged such that said void portion are not visible from the other of the bulging faces.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The torque rod structure of claim 1, wherein the rod portion between the rubber bushes is shaped with said plurality of void portions, each having an elongated shape parallel to each other and also parallel to said another pair of opposing faces of the rectangular shape.

6-7. (Canceled).

8. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 1, wherein cross-shaped ribs are formed on the rod portion.

9. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 1, wherein the shape of the cross-section in the vicinity of the central portion has along the longitudinal direction of the rod portion either a continuous hollow, or a series of alternate cross-sections which have a notched portion and cross-sections which do not have a missing portion.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 9, wherein the cross-section shape of the rod portion has along the longitudinal direction of the rod portion a continuous hollow.

12. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 11, wherein the rod portion is formed from three faces which are integrally formed as a V-section and a side face which connects thereto as a cap.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 9, wherein the rod portion is shaped with a plurality of void portions.

15. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 14, wherein the void portions correspond to the notched portions.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 14, wherein the notched portions are formed on the bulging edges.

18. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 9, wherein cross-shaped ribs are formed on the rod portion.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 18, wherein the rod has a honey comb shape.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Withdrawn) The torque rod structure according to claim 1, wherein the rod portion is formed from three faces which are integrally formed as a V-section and a side face which connects thereto as a cap.

23. (Previously presented) The torque rod structure according to claim 1, wherein:

said pair of cylinders comprises a first cylinder, and a second cylinder having an axis thereof disposed at 90 degrees to an axis of the first cylinder;

said pair of rubber bushes comprises a first rubber bush covering the first cylinder, and a second rubber bush covering the second cylinder;

a pair of stoppers are arranged between the second rubber bush and a portion of the rod portion encompassing the second cylinder so as to form hollow portions on the inner and outer sides of the second cylinder, such that during operation, said second cylinder is selectively movable by impacting with said stoppers.

24. (Previously presented) A torque rod, the torque rod structure comprising a rod portion with built-in pair of rubber bushes, which are formed around a pair of cylinders, the rod portion linking both the rubber bushes, wherein

the cross-sectional shape of the central portion of the rod portion forms an approximately rectangular shape, and one pair of opposing faces of the rectangular shape form a shape which bulges outwards, such that the central cross-section of the rod portion is thicker than the ends thereof and the other pair of the opposing faces of the rectangular shape are formed parallel;

wherein the shape of the cross-section in the vicinity of the central portion along longitudinal direction of the rod portion has a series of alternate cross-sections which have a

notched portion and cross-sections which do not have said notched portion;
wherein cross-shaped ribs are formed on the rod portion; and
wherein the notched portions are formed as two rows of holes on the parallel formed
faces of the rectangular shape.

25. (New) The torque rod structure of claim 24, wherein each of said holes has an elongated
shape parallel to each other.